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Jim McDaniel, Program Manager
South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff
1401 Main Street, Suite 900
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Compliance with Regulation 103-607

Mr. McDaniel,

South Carolina regulation 26 S.C. code Ann. Regs. 103-607 (Supp. 2011) provides that all telephone utilities that provide retail residential local exchange service in the State, and who have not invested at least five million dollars in telecommunications infrastructure in the State (together with affiliates), are required to file a bond with the Public Service commission of South Carolina.

Level 3 Communications, LLC maintains property in excess of the five million dollar minimum required by this regulation. I am attaching a copy of our South Carolina apportionment calculation for this entity, indicating total property in the State of nearly twenty-nine million dollars. This figure does not include property held in affiliated entities, which would increase the value of our presence in South Carolina even further.

As a result, Level 3 Communications, LLC is exempt from the bond requirement of Regulation 103-607.

Additionally, the following affiliates of Level 3 Communications, LLC are likewise exempt:

- Broadwing Communications, LLC
- WilTel Communications, LLC
- TelCove Operations, LLC

If you have any questions, or should require any additional information to resolve this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AL", written over a circular scribble.

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